



General Assembly

***Substitute Bill No. 795***

*January Session, 2015*



***AN ACT CONCERNING A TWO-GENERATIONAL SCHOOL  
READINESS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) The Labor Commissioner  
2       shall establish a two-generational school readiness and workforce  
3       development pilot program. The pilot program shall operate for two  
4       years and shall foster economic self-sufficiency in low-income  
5       households by delivering academic and job readiness support services  
6       across two generations in the same household. The pilot program shall  
7       be located in five communities and include not less than one  
8       community with fewer than fifty thousand persons that is served by a  
9       regional social services provider. The pilot program shall serve as a  
10      blueprint for a state-wide, two-generational school readiness and  
11      workforce development model.

12      (b) The pilot program shall be funded by state and private moneys  
13      and shall include:

14      (1) Early learning programs, adult education, child care, housing,  
15      job training and other related support services offered at one location,  
16      wherever possible;

17      (2) Development of a long-term plan to adopt a two-generational  
18      model for the delivery of the services described in subdivision (1) of

19 this subsection on a state-wide basis. Such plan shall include, but not  
20 be limited to, (A) the targeted use of temporary family assistance  
21 program funds, to the extent permissible under federal law, to support  
22 two-generational programming, and (B) state grant incentives for  
23 private entities that develop such two-generational programming;

24 (3) Partnerships between state and national philanthropic  
25 organizations to enable state-wide replication and implementation of  
26 the program;

27 (4) A workforce liaison to gauge the needs of employers and  
28 households in each community and help coordinate the two-  
29 generational program to meet the needs of such employers and  
30 households; and

31 (5) The creation of an interagency work group to oversee the  
32 implementation of the program and the provision of services within  
33 the selected communities.

34 (c) The program shall be overseen by an interagency work group  
35 that includes the Commissioners of Social Services, Early Childhood,  
36 Education, Housing, Public Health and Correction and the Labor  
37 Commissioner. Coordinators of two-generational programs in each  
38 community in the pilot program shall report on a quarterly basis to the  
39 interagency work group. Not later than January 1, 2016, the  
40 interagency work group shall submit a report in accordance with the  
41 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes to the joint standing  
42 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
43 relating to human services and appropriations and the budgets of state  
44 agencies that details: (1) The number of persons served in the program;  
45 (2) the number of adults who have obtained jobs since receiving  
46 services from the program; (3) the number of children who have  
47 improved academically, including, but not limited to, (A) grade level  
48 increases, and (B) improvements in reading comprehension; (4) the  
49 number of adults who have received training or educational  
50 certificates or degrees since enrolling in the program; (5) the cost of the

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This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
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*Joint Favorable Subst.*